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KITTERY LAND TRUST

INSPIRED BY BRAVE BOAT HEADWATERS



Photo by Tom Hibschman

The Brave Boat Headwaters Vision

- Establish a 150-acre nature preserve.
- Connect Norton Preserve and Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge, creating a conservation corridor.
- Protect the water quality of Brave Boat Harbor.
- Create a place for hands-on, outdoor education.
- Provide habitat for rare and endangered species.



Kate Hibschman, who grew up in Kittery and now lives out west, shares what inspires her support for Brave Boat Headwaters.

"I think we all have a special place from our childhood. Brave Boat Harbor was mine. I grew up playing amongst its grass, mud, and wildlife.

I was aware of how special its ecosystem was. There were certain plants and animals that I only saw there: large, graceful birds snacking on the baby fish growing in the backwaters, marsh lavender that seemed to bloom underwater, horseshoe crabs. There was also a stillness I felt only when there. I learned about Rachel Carson at home and in school and realized how lucky I was to live near a refuge born from her insight. Brave Boat Headwaters is an

I'm proud to have grown up in Kittery and want

opportunity to continue her legacy.

to be able to show my children and grandchildren its beauty the way I experienced it.

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Rich or poor, we all deserve to experience nature in our daily lives. Those of us who can afford to help build or protect green spaces for the enjoyment of all should.

With the Brave Boat Headwaters project, I feel so much satisfaction knowing that this will contribute to the bigger picture of the Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative. This larger scale planning approach to conservation greatly multiplies the habitat and recreation benefits. This project is an opportunity to make a contribution to something that will be treasured by generations."

RUSTLEWOOD CONSERVATION: A DREAM ACHIEVED



Richard and Beth Johnson, owners of Rustlewood Farm, celebrate the conservation of the Farm, finalized January 2014:

"We rejoice over a dream come true in conserving Rustlewood. Richard's parents, Chester and Elsa, would be so proud that their farm started in 1947 will remain in farming in perpetuity.

What a legacy we are privileged to carry on only because of the work of so many at the KLT! Without this conservation, the farm, which Richard has worked from childhood would no longer be in existence.

Instead, we are seeing the farm grow in other ways, as our son-in-law and daughter start a vegetable farm out on the grounds that Elsa worked so many years raising vegetables for her own family.

We have come full circle and are so very grateful to be able to keep on farming this land that God has given us to tend."



Kalle Matso shares why he became a KLT volunteer

"I was motivated to join KLT when I heard about the development on Brave Boat Harbor Road, which would have gone in adjacent to my favorite spot in the world, a family-owned farm near Payne and Bartlett Roads.

It was inspiring to see what could be done when the community came to-

gether. I'm a little addicted to that feeling and now want to help conserve more open space in Kittery."

Hello from the Board and Staff



L to R top: Bob Sheppard, Don Stein, Will Brewster L to R bottom: Bill MacDonald, Wendy Pomeroy, Gillian Carter



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Here's to You!

This newsletter is dedicated to you, our supporters. And the many ways you help Kittery Land Trust save land and build community. Your contributions are numerous, varied, and vital.

Your donations have helped conserve 300 year old farmland, educate kids about the importance of vernal pools, and begin the mission of transforming what would have been a 60-acre, 27-lot development into a 150-acre nature preserve. Your donations sustain this organization in less dramatic ways too, but ones that are essential to getting this work done. And accomplishing more.

As volunteers you give in many other ways. You build trails and bridges, remove invasive plants, lead walks and kayak paddles, organize cross country skiing events and talks about the history of Kittery Point. And you do the intricate behind the scenes work serving on our Board and Committees, negotiating with landowners, figuring out funding for our conservation projects, tending responsibly to the land in our care. Dedicated volunteers like you form the backbone of KLT.

You generously open your wallets, give of your time and expertise. You bring



your passion and your commitment to a greener Kittery. And for all of this, we thank you! We celebrate you and Kittery. Your efforts help make our community vibrant and verdant.

THANK YOU! Christine Bennett, Executive Director



Wendy Pomeroy and Gillian Carter at the Vernal Pool Exploration



Rebecca Dawson Webb, Communications Coordinator

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Gary Mitchell

"Loss of habitat is one of the major reasons for the decline in wildlife. I volunteered for KLT because it's important to me to be part of the process of acquiring and protecting

habitat where wildlife could flourish."

"I enjoy being in the outdoors and having natural areas close to home. Through my involvement with KLT, I am playing a part in helping to ensure that there will be natural areas in Kittery today and for future generations to enjoy."



Clayton Smith



Bob and Deb Sheppard enjoying the 2013 Annual Meeting and Clambake.

A LASTING CONTRIBUTION

BY ROB NICHOLS, RUSTLEWOOD PROJECT MANAGER



Rob Nichols with Christine Bennett

"Not often does one have the opportunity to help transform another's dream into reality. Rarer still is the ability to share and experience such a tangible result and to know it will last beyond one's own lifetime. My thanks

to Ken, Nancy, Richard, and Beth Johnson for their vision and seven years of patience."

CARING FOR THE LAND BY GALE TURNER, STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER



"Recently I spent time removing debris left by a potential developer on a beautiful piece of land KLT purchased in December.

As I worked to remove the multicolored, plastic flags, it

was wonderful to see the land go back to its natural state. I felt like I was liberating it!

Nature gives so much to us just by being itself. We get to enjoy it, learn from it, and be inspired by it. Anything I can give back to nature is tiny by comparison. Volunteering for KLT is a means for me to help protect nature and preserve it."



Remick and Ella learn about vernal pools



Capture the Beauty of the Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Region

Help showcase the special place where we live

Submit your best photos, from any season. Limit 2 per category:

- 1. People on the Land
- 2. Wildlife and Plants
- 3. Scenic photos

Deadline: October 20, 2014

A prize will be awarded for each category. A"People's Choice" award will also be given.



Details will be available at www.mta2c.org

ENJOYING THE WORK BY KAREN YOUNG

"In my time on the KLT Board, I've met some really great people that make Kittery the special place it is.

It has been so rewarding to use my environmental background as a volunteer on the Acquisitions Committee. It is a great team. We are a work hard - play hard group



that loves the behind-thescenes work of conservation, as well as getting out on the land to enjoy it."

Did you know that river otters are found in Brave Boat Harbor? The presence of river otters is an indication of clean water.

APPRECIATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF BRAVE BOAT HARBOR BY WENDY POMEROY



"The importance of living in a community was brought home to me when a surprisingly large group of neighbors arrived at my house for a meeting arranged to help KLT purchase 60 acres on Brave Boat Harbor Road from a developer. The number of concerned neighbors was impressive, and their readiness to understand the importance and value of keeping this land undeveloped, was powerful. Living in this community is a joy!"

CREATING A LEGACY BY GILLIAN CARTER



"In 2005, I added KLT to my will. As a retiree, my annual giving to KLT has averaged \$100, not including my campaign gifts. But after I die, KLT will receive an approximate

\$200,000 unrestricted gift.

I have been inspired by how Kittery Land Trust has blossomed since 2004 when I moved to Kittery.

When I joined the Board in 2008, KLT was a small organization. I remember a Board member's wistful remark that we were too small to take on the conservation of a farm that might be available.

And now in 2014, empowered by our dynamite staff, we've successfully conserved Rustlewood Farm and have launched the Brave Boat Headwaters project.

KLT is an exciting organization to belong to. It has been important to me to support its mission with both my time and my money. What better legacy than to help ensure the future protection of land."

Thank you for helping to conserve **Brave Boat Headwaters!** (donations made as of 6/1/14)

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Clayton Smith and Tony Barrington build a bridge at Norton Preserve.

Thank you to those who support KLT through membership! (membership as of 6/1/2014)

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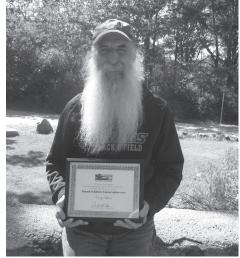
A BALANCED COMMUNITY

BY MARK AND JUDI GARDNER, LANDMARK CIRCLE MEMBERS



"Kittery would not be the lovely place it is today nor certainly would be in the future, if we don't secure land and hold it in trust. We need to strike the balance between preservation of natural resources, public spaces, and urban growth."

Landmark Circle members contribute \$1,000 or more annually to support KLT operations.



Craig Wilson, recipient of the 2013 Friend of Kittery Conservation Award

Thank you. Iosh **Abbott and James Scully for donat**ing 8.5 acres along Clayton Lane, on the northeast side of Rustlewood Farm.





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INSIDE KLT HAPPENING

Brave Boat Headwaters inspires

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2014 KLT EVENTS

Saturday, June 21
Kittery Block Party
Come visit our table.

TBA: July
Fairy House Building

Wednesday, August 13th from 2-6 pm KLT Booth at Kittery Farmers Market Stop by and say hi!

Friday, August 15 at 3pm

Kayak tour of Brave Boat Harbor

Come out for the summer paddle.

Sunday, September 7 from noon-3pm KLT Annual Meeting and Picnic Fort Foster Pavilion Please join us!

Please visit **www.kitterylandtrust.org** for details and updates

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to the sponsors of this newsletter. We appreciate the numerous ways you make Kittery a better community!







